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that education is our most enduring legacy -- vital to all we are and can become. //

Two years and two days ago, I worked with Buddy and all the nation's governors at the Charlottesville summit. / We created six goals for American education from making every citizen literate to making our students first in the world in math and science. // Buddy was also with me last April at the White House when I announced America 2000, a national education strategy to achieve these goals community by community. //

Buddy knows that much of Louisiana may be below sea level -  
- but that our future depends on raising education above previous plateaus of achievement. / So three weeks ago, he announced Louisiana 2000 -- his crusade for excellence in education. / Listen to his words: "We will continue to add players to our championship team of..[those] who want to move education forward. Those with creative input, dynamic thought and new ideas will be on our team. No one will sit on the bench. Everyone will play." / I salute that commitment. It will help make America what the Saints already are -- No. 1, unequalled in its field. //

Polls show what every PTA member already knows -- the American people are ready for radical reform. Reform like school choice. If our own history and the recent events in the Communist world teach us anything, they teach us that competition breeds excellence. The same is true of education. With competition and accountability, schools that are working will thrive / programs that are wasteful will waste away. / And power

will shift from the heavy hand of the state, to the hands that run the home and raise the family.

Countdown 2000 can ensure these goals -- allowing Louisiana -- like America -- to work together to help our education system work for us. // I speak of government and communities, teachers and parents, business and volunteers, and yes -- Democrats and Republicans -- involved, as Teddy Roosevelt said, in a cause larger than ourselves. / Ethics is such a cause. As is the environment -- the economy -- education. // Which reminds me that for two years our administration has prodded Congress to pass our Educational Excellence Act -- and I'm afraid their homework is long overdue. \\

Buddy Roemer changed parties to crusade for these causes. He knows how Churchill said, "Some men change their principles for their party -- others change their party for their principles." // Some would rather fight than switch. Some would rather switch than fight. Buddy decided to switch and fight. Today, I ask you to fight for him. //

Join us in a government of the extended hand -- not the closed mind and self-indulgent heart. Make sure that somewhere on the road to prosperity, Louisiana didn't stumble and fall. / Help Louisiana -- and America -- turn the four "E"s into "A"s across the board. //

Once, Louisiana was bogged down in a swamp. Let's help Buddy Roemer steer it toward the limits of the horizon. Thank you, and God bless you. Let's keep Buddy Roemer the great Governor of the great State of Louisiana.